



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Chief Financial Officer

August 31, 2005

I. Requirement

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has a requirement for expert advice and assistance in support of the Office of the Chief Financial Officer and Office of Corporate Planning. The expert advice and assistance will focus on strategic planning, budget formulation and related areas. The USPTO is soliciting quotes in accordance with its Patent and Trademark Acquisition Guidelines (PTAG), following simplified acquisition procedures similar to those set forth at FAR 13.5 for acquisitions of commercial items not in excess of \$10 Million. The PTAG may be seen at <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/ac/comp/proc/ptagfdrg.pdf>.

The solicitation number is 182P0540695, and is issued as an RFQ. The solicitation document and incorporated provisions & clauses are those in effect through Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-5. **This acquisition is set aside 100% for small businesses.** The NAICS code is 541611 and the associated small business size standard is \$6M.

II. Instructions

Interested offerors are requested to provide a price proposal containing a fully loaded labor rate to provide expert advice and assistance on a labor hour basis. The USPTO anticipates ordering up to 1,000 hours with an option for up to an additional 1,000 hours. Any reports ordered by the ordering officer and provided by the contractor will not be priced separately from the labor hour rate.

A full and complete quote is defined as follows:

1. The résumé(s) of the individual(s) who will provide the services and resultant reports.
2. A maximum of three references for whom the offeror has performed similar assessments. Include the company/agency name, point of contact, telephone number, fax number and e-mail address (if possible).
3. A fixed, hourly labor rate comprising all burdens and fees as follows:

<u>CLIN</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>EST. QTY</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>UNIT PRICE</u>	<u>EXTENDED PRICE</u>
0001	Expert advice & Assistance in support of CFO & OCP	1,000	Hours	\$_____	\$_____
0002 (Option)	Expert advice & assistance in support of CFO & OCP	1,000	Hours	\$_____	\$_____

4. A written certification of an absence of actual, apparent or potential conflict of interest. It is imperative that the contractor selected is able to provide unbiased, independent, and objective analyses and recommendations in the areas described above. To be eligible for award, the offeror must certify that no condition or relationship currently exists that would present an actual, apparent or potential conflict of interest.

5. Completed representations and certifications as described in FAR provision 52.212-3, provided in full text below (See paragraph IV—Provisions & Clauses).

Proposals should be addressed as follows:

Hand Delivery or FedEx (Preferred)

U.S. Patent & Trademark Office
Office of Procurement
600 Dulany St, Madison East Room 7A01
Alexandria, VA 22314
Attn: Jason E. Taylor, Contracting Officer

U.S. Postal Service

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Office of Procurement, Mail Stop 6
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
Attn: Jason E. Taylor, Contracting Officer

Proposals must be received on or before COB Friday, **September 9, 2005**. Questions should be addressed to Jason Taylor (via e-mail to Jason.taylor@uspto.gov), and must be received by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 2, 2005. Questions received after this date may not be entertained.

III. Evaluation

The USPTO will issue a commercial items contract to that responsible offeror whose offer conforming to this solicitation will be the most advantageous to the USPTO, price and other factors considered. In making the best value determination, the USPTO will compare the résumés and past performance information submitted by the competing offerors. After this comparison of other factors, each offer will be compared against the other considering the offers' relative strengths and weaknesses along with the price difference among the offers.

The résumés will be assessed against the qualification and experience requirements set forth in the attached SOW. The past performance will be assessed against the quality of the work performed and its relevance to the work identified in the statement of work. In assessing past performance, the merits of both the contractor and / or the individual whose résumés is submitted will be considered.

The evaluated price will be developed by multiplying the fully loaded hourly labor rate by the estimated quantity of 1,000 hours for both CLIN 0001 and Option CLIN 0002. Evaluation of the Option CLIN shall not obligate the Government to exercise the option.

In making the source selection decision, the assessments of resumes and past performance will be individually and collectively more important than price.

IV. Provisions & Clauses

The following FAR provisions and clauses are applicable to this acquisition and are hereby incorporated by reference as if they were stated in full text. Offerors may access the full text of these provisions/clauses at <http://www.arnet.gov/far>.

Clause	Title	Date
52.212-1	Instructions to Offerors---Commercial Items	January 2005
52.212-4	Contract Terms and Conditions---Commercial Items	October 2003
52.217-5	Evaluation of Options	July 1990

The following provisions and clauses are applicable to this acquisition, and are hereby incorporated in full text:

Option for Additional Labor Hours

The Government may require performance in addition to the estimated quantity of 1,000 labor hours specified in the Schedule under CLIN 0001. It may, at its sole discretion, exercise Option CLIN 0002 for up to an additional 1,000 labor hours by providing written notice to the Contractor.

Contract Ceiling

A ceiling will be established at the time of award.

52.212-3 Offeror Representations and Certifications—Commercial Items (Mar 2005)

An offeror shall complete only paragraph (j) of this provision if the offeror has completed the annual representations and certifications electronically at <http://orca.bpn.gov>. If an offeror has not completed the annual representations and certifications electronically at the ORCA website, the offeror shall complete only paragraphs (b) through (i) of this provision.

(a) Definitions. As used in this provision:

“Emerging small business” means a small business concern whose size is no greater than 50 percent of the numerical size standard for the NAICS code designated.

“Forced or indentured child labor” means all work or service—

(1) Exacted from any person under the age of 18 under the menace of any penalty for its nonperformance and for which the worker does not offer himself voluntarily; or

(2) Performed by any person under the age of 18 pursuant to a contract the enforcement of which can be accomplished by process or penalties.

“Service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern”—

(1) Means a small business concern—

(i) Not less than 51 percent of which is owned by one or more service-disabled veterans or, in the case of any publicly owned business, not less than 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more service-disabled veterans; and

(ii) The management and daily business operations of which are controlled by one or more service-disabled veterans or, in the case of a service-disabled veteran with permanent and severe disability, the spouse or permanent caregiver of such veteran.

(2) Service-disabled veteran means a veteran, as defined in 38 U.S.C. 101(2), with a disability that is service-connected, as defined in 38 U.S.C. 101(16).

“Small business concern” means a concern, including its affiliates, that is independently owned and operated, not dominant in the field of operation in which it is bidding on Government contracts, and qualified as a small business under the criteria in 13 CFR Part 121 and size standards in this solicitation.

“Veteran-owned small business concern” means a small business concern—

(1) Not less than 51 percent of which is owned by one or more veterans (as defined at 38 U.S.C. 101(2)) or, in the case of any publicly owned business, not less than 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more veterans; and

(2) The management and daily business operations of which are controlled by one or more veterans.

“Women-owned business concern” means a concern which is at least 51 percent owned by one or more women; or in the case of any publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of its stock is owned by one or more women; and whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more women.

“Women-owned small business concern” means a small business concern—

(1) That is at least 51 percent owned by one or more women; or, in the case of any publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more women; and

(2) Whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more women.

(b) Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) (26 U.S.C. 6109, 31 U.S.C. 7701). (Not applicable if the offeror is required to provide this information to a central contractor registration database to be eligible for award.)

(1) All offerors must submit the information required in paragraphs (b)(3) through (b)(5) of this provision to comply with debt collection requirements of 31 U.S.C. 7701(c) and 3325(d), reporting requirements of 26 U.S.C. 6041, 6041A, and 6050M, and implementing regulations issued by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

(2) The TIN may be used by the Government to collect and report on any delinquent amounts arising out of the offeror's relationship with the Government (31 U.S.C. 7701(c)(3)). If the resulting contract is subject to the payment reporting requirements described in FAR 4.904, the TIN provided hereunder may be matched with IRS records to verify the accuracy of the offeror's TIN.

(3) Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN).

o TIN: _____.

o TIN has been applied for.

o TIN is not required because:

o Offeror is a nonresident alien, foreign corporation, or foreign partnership that does not have income effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States and does not have an office or place of business or a fiscal paying agent in the United States;

o Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of a foreign government;

o Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of the Federal Government.

(4) Type of organization.

o Sole proprietorship;

o Partnership;

o Corporate entity (not tax-exempt);

o Corporate entity (tax-exempt);

o Government entity (Federal, State, or local);

o Foreign government;

o International organization per 26 CFR 1.6049-4;

o Other _____.

(5) Common parent.

o Offeror is not owned or controlled by a common parent;

o Name and TIN of common parent:

Name _____.

TIN _____.

(c) Offerors must complete the following representations when the resulting contract will be performed in the United States or its outlying areas. Check all that apply.

(1) Small business concern. The offeror represents as part of its offer that it o is, o is not a small business concern.

(2) Veteran-owned small business concern. [Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.] The offeror represents as part of its offer that it o is, o is not a veteran-owned small business concern.

(3) Service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern. [Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a veteran-owned small business concern in paragraph (c)(2) of this provision.] The offeror represents as part of its offer that it o is, o is not a service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern.

(4) Small disadvantaged business concern. [Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.] The offeror represents, for general statistical purposes, that it o is, o is not a small disadvantaged business concern as defined in 13 CFR 124.1002.

(5) Women-owned small business concern. [Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.] The offeror represents that it o is, o is not a women-owned small business concern.

Note: Complete paragraphs (c)(6) and (c)(7) only if this solicitation is expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold.

(6) Women-owned business concern (other than small business concern). [Complete only if the offeror is a women-owned business concern and did not represent itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.] The offeror represents that it o is a women-owned business concern.

(7) Tie bid priority for labor surplus area concerns. If this is an invitation for bid, small business offerors may identify the labor surplus areas in which costs to be incurred on account of manufacturing or production (by offeror or first-tier subcontractors) amount to more than 50 percent of the contract price:

(8) Small Business Size for the Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program and for the Targeted Industry Categories under the Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program. [Complete only if the offeror has represented itself to be a small business concern under the size standards for this solicitation.]

(i) [Complete only for solicitations indicated in an addendum as being set-aside for emerging small businesses in one of the designated industry groups (DIGs).] The offeror represents as part of its offer that it o is, o is not an emerging small business.

(ii) [Complete only for solicitations indicated in an addendum as being for one of the targeted industry categories (TICs) or designated industry groups (DIGs).] Offeror represents as follows:

(A) Offeror's number of employees for the past 12 months (check the Employees column if size standard stated in the solicitation is expressed in terms of number of employees); or

(B) Offeror's average annual gross revenue for the last 3 fiscal years (check the Average Annual Gross Number of Revenues column if size standard stated in the solicitation is expressed in terms of annual receipts).

(Check one of the following):

Number of Employees

Average Annual Gross Revenues

☐ 50 or fewer

☐ \$1 million or less

☐ 51–100

☐ \$1,000,001–\$2 million

☐ 101–250

☐ \$2,000,001–\$3.5 million

☐ 251–500

☐ \$3,500,001–\$5 million

☐ 501–750

☐ \$5,000,001–\$10 million

☐ 751–1,000

☐ \$10,000,001–\$17 million

☐ Over 1,000

☐ Over \$17 million

(9) [Complete only if the solicitation contains the clause at FAR 52.219-23, Notice of Price Evaluation Adjustment for Small Disadvantaged Business Concerns, or FAR 52.219-25, Small Disadvantaged Business Participation Program—Disadvantaged Status and Reporting, and the offeror desires a benefit based on its disadvantaged status.]

(i) General. The offeror represents that either—

(A) It is, or is not certified by the Small Business Administration as a small disadvantaged business concern and identified, on the date of this representation, as a certified small disadvantaged business concern in the database maintained by the Small Business Administration (PRO-Net), and that no material change in disadvantaged ownership and control has occurred since its certification, and, where the concern is owned by one or more individuals claiming disadvantaged status, the net worth of each individual upon whom the certification is based does not exceed \$750,000 after taking into account the applicable exclusions set forth at 13 CFR 124.104(c)(2); or

(B) It o has, o has not submitted a completed application to the Small Business Administration or a Private Certifier to be certified as a small disadvantaged business concern in accordance with 13 CFR 124, Subpart B, and a decision on that application is pending, and that no material change in disadvantaged ownership and control has occurred since its application was submitted.

(ii) o Joint Ventures under the Price Evaluation Adjustment for Small Disadvantaged Business Concerns. The offeror represents, as part of its offer, that it is a joint venture that complies with the requirements in 13 CFR 124.1002(f) and that the representation in paragraph (c)(9)(i) of this provision is accurate for the small disadvantaged business concern that is participating in the joint venture. [The offeror shall enter the name of the small disadvantaged business concern that is participating in the joint venture: _____.]

(10) HUBZone small business concern. [Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.] The offeror represents, as part of its offer, that—

(i) It o is, o is not a HUBZone small business concern listed, on the date of this representation, on the List of Qualified HUBZone Small Business Concerns maintained by the Small Business Administration, and no material change in ownership and control, principal office, or HUBZone employee percentage has occurred since it was certified by the Small Business Administration in accordance with 13 CFR Part 126; and

(ii) It o is, o is not a joint venture that complies with the requirements of 13 CFR Part 126, and the representation in paragraph (c)(10)(i) of this provision is accurate for the HUBZone small business concern or concerns that are participating in the joint venture. [The offeror shall enter the name or names of the HUBZone small business concern or concerns that are participating in the joint venture: _____.] Each HUBZone small business concern participating in the joint venture shall submit a separate signed copy of the HUBZone representation.

(d) Representations required to implement provisions of Executive Order 11246—

(1) Previous contracts and compliance. The offeror represents that—

(i) It o has, o has not participated in a previous contract or subcontract subject to the Equal Opportunity clause of this solicitation; and

(ii) It o has, o has not filed all required compliance reports.

(2) Affirmative Action Compliance. The offeror represents that—

(i) It o has developed and has on file, o has not developed and does not have on file, at each establishment, affirmative action programs required by rules and regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 cfr parts 60-1 and 60-2), or

(ii) It o has not previously had contracts subject to the written affirmative action programs requirement of the rules and regulations of the Secretary of Labor.

(e) Certification Regarding Payments to Influence Federal Transactions (31 U.S.C. 1352). (Applies only if the contract is expected to exceed \$100,000.) By submission of its offer, the offeror certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that no Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress or an employee of a Member of Congress on his or her behalf in connection with the award of any resultant contract.

(f) Buy American Act Certificate. (Applies only if the clause at Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 52.225-1, Buy American Act—Supplies, is included in this solicitation.)

(1) The offeror certifies that each end product, except those listed in paragraph (f)(2) of this provision, is a domestic end product and that the offeror has considered components of unknown origin to have been mined, produced, or manufactured outside the United States. The offeror shall list as foreign end products those end products manufactured in the United States that do not qualify as domestic end products. The terms “component,” “domestic end product,” “end product,” “foreign end product,” and “United States” are defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled “Buy American Act—Supplies.”

(2) Foreign End Products:

Line Item No.
Country of Origin

[List as necessary]

(3) The Government will evaluate offers in accordance with the policies and procedures of FAR Part 25.

(g)(1) Buy American Act—Free Trade Agreements—Israeli Trade Act Certificate. (Applies only if the clause at FAR 52.225-3, Buy American Act—Free Trade Agreements—Israeli Trade Act, is included in this solicitation.)

(i) The offeror certifies that each end product, except those listed in paragraph (g)(1)(ii) or (g)(1)(iii) of this provision, is a domestic end product and that the offeror has considered components of unknown origin to have been mined, produced, or manufactured outside the United States. The terms “component,” “domestic end product,” “end product,” “foreign end product,” and “United States” are defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled “Buy American Act—Free Trade Agreements—Israeli Trade Act.”

(ii) The offeror certifies that the following supplies are end products of Australia, Canada, Chile, Mexico, or Singapore, or Israeli end products as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled “Buy American Act—Free Trade Agreements—Israeli Trade Act”:

End Products of Australia, Canada, Chile, Mexico, or Singapore or Israeli End Products:

Line Item No.
Country of Origin

[List as necessary]

(iii) The offeror shall list those supplies that are foreign end products (other than those listed in paragraph (g)(1)(ii) of this provision) as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Buy American Act—Free Trade Agreements—Israeli Trade Act." The offeror shall list as other foreign end products those end products manufactured in the United States that do not qualify as domestic end products.

Other Foreign End Products:

Line Item No.
Country of Origin

[List as necessary]

(iv) The Government will evaluate offers in accordance with the policies and procedures of FAR Part 25.

(2) Buy American Act—Free Trade Agreements—Israeli Trade Act Certificate, Alternate I (Jan 2004). If Alternate I to the clause at FAR 52.225-3 is included in this solicitation, substitute the following paragraph (g)(1)(ii) for paragraph (g)(1)(ii) of the basic provision:

(g)(1)(ii) The offeror certifies that the following supplies are Canadian end products as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Buy American Act—Free Trade Agreements—Israeli Trade Act":

Canadian End Products:

Line Item No.

[List as necessary]

(3) Buy American Act—Free Trade Agreements—Israeli Trade Act Certificate, Alternate II (Jan 2004). If Alternate II to the clause at FAR 52.225-3 is included in this solicitation, substitute the following paragraph (g)(1)(ii) for paragraph (g)(1)(ii) of the basic provision:

(g)(1)(ii) The offeror certifies that the following supplies are Canadian end products or Israeli end products as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled “Buy American Act—Free Trade Agreements—Israeli Trade Act”:

Canadian or Israeli End Products:

Line Item No.	Country of Origin
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

[List as necessary]

(4) Trade Agreements Certificate. (Applies only if the clause at FAR 52.225-5, Trade Agreements, is included in this solicitation.)

(i) The offeror certifies that each end product, except those listed in paragraph (g)(4)(ii) of this provision, is a U.S.-made or designated country end product, as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled “Trade Agreements.”

(ii) The offeror shall list as other end products those end products that are not U.S.-made or designated country end products.

Other End Products:

Line Item No.	Country of Origin
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

[List as necessary]

(iii) The Government will evaluate offers in accordance with the policies and procedures of FAR Part 25. For line items covered by the WTO GPA, the Government will evaluate offers of U.S.-made or designated country end products without regard to the restrictions of the Buy American Act. The Government will consider for award only offers of U.S.-made or designated country end products unless the Contracting Officer determines that there are no offers for such products or that the offers for such products are insufficient to fulfill the requirements of the solicitation.

(h) Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension or Ineligibility for Award (Executive Order 12549). (Applies only if the contract value is expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold.) The offeror certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that the offeror and/or any of its principals—

(1) o Are, o are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for the award of contracts by any Federal agency; and

(2) o Have, o have not, within a three-year period preceding this offer, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a Federal, state or local government contract or subcontract; violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes relating to the submission of offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, or receiving stolen property; and

(3) o Are, o are not presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a Government entity with, commission of any of these offenses.

(i) Certification Regarding Knowledge of Child Labor for Listed End Products (Executive Order 13126). [The Contracting Officer must list in paragraph (i)(1) any end products being acquired under this solicitation that are included in the List of Products Requiring Contractor Certification as to Forced or Indentured Child Labor, unless excluded at 22.1503(b).]

(1) Listed end products.

Listed End Product
Listed Countries of Origin

(2) Certification. [If the Contracting Officer has identified end products and countries of origin in paragraph (i)(1) of this provision, then the offeror must certify to either (i)(2)(i) or (i)(2)(ii) by checking the appropriate block.]

[] (i) The offeror will not supply any end product listed in paragraph (i)(1) of this provision that was mined, produced, or manufactured in the corresponding country as listed for that product.

[] (ii) The offeror may supply an end product listed in paragraph (i)(1) of this provision that was mined, produced, or manufactured in the corresponding country as listed for that product. The offeror certifies that it has made a good faith effort to determine whether forced or indentured child labor was used to mine, produce, or manufacture any such end product furnished under this contract. On the basis of those efforts, the offeror certifies that it is not aware of any such use of child labor.

(j)(1) Annual Representations and Certifications. Any changes provided by the offeror in paragraph (j) of this provision do not automatically change the representations and certifications posted on the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA) website.

(2) The offeror has completed the annual representations and certifications electronically via the ORCA website at <http://orca.bpn.gov>. After reviewing the ORCA database information, the offeror verifies by submission of this offer that the representations and certifications currently posted electronically at FAR 52.212-3, Offeror Representations and Certifications—Commercial Items, have been entered or updated in the last 12 months, are current, accurate, complete, and applicable to this solicitation (including the business size standard applicable to the NAICS code referenced for this solicitation), as of the date of this offer and are incorporated in this offer by reference (see FAR 4.1201), except for paragraphs _____.

[Offeror to identify the applicable paragraphs at (b) through (i) of this provision that the offeror has completed for the purposes of this solicitation only, if any.]

These amended representation(s) and/or certification(s) are also incorporated in this offer and are current, accurate, and complete as of the date of this offer.

Any changes provided by the offeror are applicable to this solicitation only, and do not result in an update to the representations and certifications posted on ORCA.]

(End of provision)

52.212-5 Contract Terms and Conditions Required to Implement Statutes or Executive Orders—Commercial Items (July 2005)

(a) The Contractor shall comply with the following Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) clauses, which are incorporated in this contract by reference, to implement provisions of law or Executive orders applicable to acquisitions of commercial items:

(1) 52.233-3, Protest After Award (Aug 1996) (31 U.S.C. 3553).

(2) 52.233-4, Applicable Law for Breach of Contract Claim (Oct 2004) (Pub. L. 108-77, 108-78)

(b) The Contractor shall comply with the FAR clauses in this paragraph (b) that the Contracting Officer has indicated as being incorporated in this contract by reference to implement provisions of law or Executive orders applicable to acquisitions of commercial items:

[Contracting Officer check as appropriate.]

___ (1) 52.203-6, Restrictions on Subcontractor Sales to the Government (Jul 1995), with Alternate I (Oct 1995) (41 U.S.C. 253g and 10 U.S.C. 2402).

___ (2) 52.219-3, Notice of Total HUBZone Set-Aside (Jan 1999) (15 U.S.C. 657a).

___ (3) 52.219-4, Notice of Price Evaluation Preference for HUBZone Small Business Concerns (July 2005) (if the offeror elects to waive the preference, it shall so indicate in its offer) (15 U.S.C. 657a).

___ (4)(i) 52.219-5, Very Small Business Set-Aside (June 2003) (Pub. L. 103-403, section 304, Small Business Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 1994).

___ (ii) Alternate I (Mar 1999) of 52.219-5.

___ (iii) Alternate II (June 2003) of 52.219-5.

X (5)(i) 52.219-6, Notice of Total Small Business Set-Aside (June 2003) (15 U.S.C. 644).

___ (ii) Alternate I (Oct 1995) of 52.219-6.

___ (iii) Alternate II (Mar 2004) of 52.219-6.

___ (6)(i) 52.219-7, Notice of Partial Small Business Set-Aside (June 2003) (15 U.S.C. 644).

___ (ii) Alternate I (Oct 1995) of 52.219-7.

___ (iii) Alternate II (Mar 2004) of 52.219-7.

X (7) 52.219-8, Utilization of Small Business Concerns (May 2004) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(2) and (3)).

___ (8)(i) 52.219-9, Small Business Subcontracting Plan (July 2005) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(4)).

___ (ii) Alternate I (Oct 2001) of 52.219-9.

___ (iii) Alternate II (Oct 2001) of 52.219-9.

X (9) 52.219-14, Limitations on Subcontracting (Dec 1996) (15 U.S.C. 637(a)(14)).

___ (10)(i) 52.219-23, Notice of Price Evaluation Adjustment for Small Disadvantaged Business Concerns (July 2005) (Pub. L. 103-355, section 7102, and 10 U.S.C. 2323) (if the offeror elects to waive the adjustment, it shall so indicate in its offer).

___ (ii) Alternate I (June 2003) of 52.219-23.

___ (11) 52.219-25, Small Disadvantaged Business Participation Program—Disadvantaged Status and Reporting (Oct 1999) (Pub. L. 103-355, section 7102, and 10 U.S.C. 2323).

___ (12) 52.219-26, Small Disadvantaged Business Participation Program—Incentive Subcontracting (Oct 2000) (Pub. L. 103-355, section 7102, and 10 U.S.C. 2323).

___ (13) 52.219-27, Notice of Total Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Set-Aside (May 2004).

X (14) 52.222-3, Convict Labor (June 2003) (E.O. 11755).

___ (15) 52.222-19, Child Labor—Cooperation with Authorities and Remedies (June 2004) (E.O. 13126).

X (16) 52.222-21, Prohibition of Segregated Facilities (Feb 1999).

X (17) 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity (Apr 2002) (E.O. 11246).

X (18) 52.222-35, Equal Opportunity for Special Disabled Veterans, Veterans of the Vietnam Era, and Other Eligible Veterans (Dec 2001) (38 U.S.C. 4212).

- X (19) 52.222-36, Affirmative Action for Workers with Disabilities (Jun 1998) (29 U.S.C. 793).
- ___ (20) 52.222-37, Employment Reports on Special Disabled Veterans, Veterans of the Vietnam Era, and Other Eligible Veterans (Dec 2001) (38 U.S.C. 4212).
- ___ (21) 52.222-39, Notification of Employee Rights Concerning Payment of Union Dues or Fees (Dec 2004) (E.O. 13201).
- ___ (22)(i) 52.223-9, Estimate of Percentage of Recovered Material Content for EPA-Designated Products (Aug 2000) (42 U.S.C. 6962(c)(3)(A)(ii)).
- ___ (ii) Alternate I (Aug 2000) of 52.223-9 (42 U.S.C. 6962(i)(2)(C)).
- ___ (23) 52.225-1, Buy American Act—Supplies (June 2003) (41 U.S.C. 10a-10d).
- ___ (24)(i) 52.225-3, Buy American Act—Free Trade Agreements—Israeli Trade Act (Jan 2005) (41 U.S.C. 10a-10d, 19 U.S.C. 3301 note, 19 U.S.C. 2112 note, Pub. L. 108-77, 108-78, 108-286).
- ___ (ii) Alternate I (Jan 2004) of 52.225-3.
- ___ (iii) Alternate II (Jan 2004) of 52.225-3.
- ___ (25) 52.225-5, Trade Agreements (Jan 2005) (19 U.S.C. 2501, et seq., 19 U.S.C. 3301 note).
- ___ (26) 52.225-13, Restrictions on Certain Foreign Purchases (Mar 2005) (E.o.s, proclamations, and statutes administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the Department of the Treasury).
- ___ (27) 52.225-15, Sanctioned European Union Country End Products (Feb 2000) (E.O. 12849).
- ___ (28) 52.225-16, Sanctioned European Union Country Services (Feb 2000) (E.O. 12849).
- ___ (29) 52.232-29, Terms for Financing of Purchases of Commercial Items (Feb 2002) (41 U.S.C. 255(f), 10 U.S.C. 2307(f)).
- ___ (30) 52.232-30, Installment Payments for Commercial Items (Oct 1995) (41 U.S.C. 255(f), 10 U.S.C. 2307(f)).
- X (31) 52.232-33, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer—Central Contractor Registration (Oct 2003) (31 U.S.C. 3332).
- ___ (32) 52.232-34, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer—Other than Central Contractor Registration (May 1999) (31 U.S.C. 3332).
- ___ (33) 52.232-36, Payment by Third Party (May 1999) (31 U.S.C. 3332).
- ___ (34) 52.239-1, Privacy or Security Safeguards (Aug 1996) (5 U.S.C. 552a).
- ___ (35)(i) 52.247-64, Preference for Privately Owned U.S.-Flag Commercial Vessels (Apr 2003) (46 U.S.C. App. 1241 and 10 U.S.C. 2631).
- ___ (ii) Alternate I (Apr 2003) of 52.247-64.

(c) The Contractor shall comply with the FAR clauses in this paragraph (c), applicable to commercial services, that the Contracting Officer has indicated as being incorporated in this contract by reference to implement provisions of law or Executive orders applicable to acquisitions of commercial items:

[Contracting Officer check as appropriate.]

___ (1) 52.222-41, Service Contract Act of 1965, as Amended (July 2005) (41 U.S.C. 351, et seq.).

___ (2) 52.222-42, Statement of Equivalent Rates for Federal Hires (May 1989) (29 U.S.C. 206 and 41 U.S.C. 351, et seq.).

___ (3) 52.222-43, Fair Labor Standards Act and Service Contract Act—Price Adjustment (Multiple Year and Option Contracts) (May 1989) (29 U.S.C. 206 and 41 U.S.C. 351, et seq.).

___ (4) 52.222-44, Fair Labor Standards Act and Service Contract Act—Price Adjustment (Feb 2002) (29 U.S.C. 206 and 41 U.S.C. 351, et seq.).

___ (5) 52.222-47, SCA Minimum Wages and Fringe Benefits Applicable to Successor Contract Pursuant to Predecessor Contractor Collective Bargaining Agreements (CBA) (May 1989) (41 U.S.C. 351, et seq.).

(d) Comptroller General Examination of Record. The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of this paragraph (d) if this contract was awarded using other than sealed bid, is in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold, and does not contain the clause at 52.215-2, Audit and Records—Negotiation.

(1) The Comptroller General of the United States, or an authorized representative of the Comptroller General, shall have access to and right to examine any of the Contractor's directly pertinent records involving transactions related to this contract.

(2) The Contractor shall make available at its offices at all reasonable times the records, materials, and other evidence for examination, audit, or reproduction, until 3 years after final payment under this contract or for any shorter period specified in FAR Subpart 4.7, Contractor Records Retention, of the other clauses of this contract. If this contract is completely or partially terminated, the records relating to the work terminated shall be made available for 3 years after any resulting final termination settlement. Records relating to appeals under the disputes clause or to litigation or the settlement of claims arising under or relating to this contract shall be made available until such appeals, litigation, or claims are finally resolved.

(3) As used in this clause, records include books, documents, accounting procedures and practices, and other data, regardless of type and regardless of form. This does not require the Contractor to create or maintain any record that the Contractor does not maintain in the ordinary course of business or pursuant to a provision of law.

(e)(1) Notwithstanding the requirements of the clauses in paragraphs (a), (b), (c), and (d) of this clause, the Contractor is not required to flow down any FAR clause, other than those in paragraphs (i) through (vii) of this paragraph in a subcontract for commercial items. Unless otherwise indicated below, the extent of the flow down shall be as required by the clause—

(i) 52.219-8, Utilization of Small Business Concerns (May 2004) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(2) and (3)), in all subcontracts that offer further subcontracting opportunities. If the subcontract (except subcontracts to small business concerns) exceeds \$500,000 (\$1,000,000 for construction of any public facility), the subcontractor must include 52.219-8 in lower tier subcontracts that offer subcontracting opportunities.

(ii) 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity (Apr 2002) (E.O. 11246).

(iii) 52.222-35, Equal Opportunity for Special Disabled Veterans, Veterans of the Vietnam Era, and Other Eligible Veterans (Dec 2001) (38 U.S.C. 4212).

(iv) 52.222-36, Affirmative Action for Workers with Disabilities (June 1998) (29 U.S.C. 793).

(v) 52.222-39, Notification of Employee Rights Concerning Payment of Union Dues or Fees (Dec 2004) (E.O. 13201).

(vi) 52.222-41, Service Contract Act of 1965, as Amended (July 2005), flow down required for all subcontracts subject to the Service Contract Act of 1965 (41 U.S.C. 351, et seq.).

(vii) 52.247-64, Preference for Privately Owned U.S.-Flag Commercial Vessels (Apr 2003) (46 U.S.C. App. 1241 and 10 U.S.C. 2631). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (d) of FAR clause 52.247-64.

(2) While not required, the contractor may include in its subcontracts for commercial items a minimal number of additional clauses necessary to satisfy its contractual obligations.

(End of clause)

This request for quotation shall not be construed as a commitment of any kind.

Sincerely,

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ENCLOSURE (1) --STATEMENT OF WORK

1. BACKGROUND

The mission of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is to (1) promote and protect inventiveness and technological progress; (2) administer the Federal laws relating to the issuance of patents and registration of trademarks; and (3) help represent the United States in international efforts on patent and trademark policy, and fulfill obligations incurred under international treaties. The primary business functions are to examine patent and trademark applications, grant patents and register trademarks when applicants are entitled to them under the law; to publish and disseminate patent and trademark information; record assignments of patents and trademarks; advise and assist the bureaus and offices of the Department of Commerce and other agencies of the Government in matters involving intellectual property; and to make copies of patents, trademarks and official records available to the public.

USPTO's *21st Century Strategic Plan* identifies long term strategic goals for transforming the USPTO into a quality-focused, highly productive, responsive organization supporting a market-driven intellectual property system. To meet the responsibilities and the goals set forth in the *21st Century Strategic Plan* effectively, the USPTO must ensure that its methodologies, business processes, and management practices are capable of meeting the commitments of the *21st Century Strategic Plan* in a timely, productive, efficient, and, cost-effective manner. The performance-based budget of the USPTO brings all of these goals together with their resource requirements.

2. PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF WORK

As detailed in work orders, the Contractor shall provide to the Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO), and its Office of Corporate Planning (OCP), expert advice, assistance and reports in the areas of strategic planning, budgeting, policy development, reporting, organizational structure, and preparation of briefings related to the aforementioned activities. Examples of tasks to be issued include:

Task 1 – **Strategic Plan Revision and Implementation.**

- Provide expert advice and assistance to the OCFO and OCP in the evaluation and revision of the *21st Century Strategic Plan*;
- Consult in strategic management matters pertaining to executive management and development of business transformation initiatives;
- Integrate into a coherent whole the business plan tasks of different USPTO organizational elements including marketing, financial, production and human resource plans
- Consult with the organizational elements to promote collaborative projects as part of the strategic planning process;
- Identify the high-level issues that provide the USPTO with a sustainable, competitive advantage.
- Propose a methodology for applying performance based budgeting as a tool to measure progress toward meeting USPTO strategic transformation goals.

Task 2 – **FY 07 Budget Development.**

- Conduct a comprehensive review of the draft (FY) 2007 budget narratives, exhibits and related analyses;
- Provide comments and suggested changes to improve the content and coherence of the narratives, exhibits and analyses.

Task 3 – **Policy and Policy Distribution Recommendations.**

- Review and comment on the process for developing and implementing policy at the USPTO and for tracking its development and implementation;
- Suggest process improvements.

Task 4 – Briefing Package Development.

- Recommend improvements in the process for designing and producing briefing packages on the FY 2007 budget request for Management Council, OMB, Congress, Trademark Public Advisory Committee, and Patents Public Advisory Committee;
- Conduct a comprehensive review of the draft packages, and provide comments and suggested changes;
- Develop or, where necessary, revise briefing packages.

Task 5 – FY 2005 Performance and Accountability Report.

- Provide advice and assistance in drafting the Performance and Accountability Report.
- Review and comment on the draft report including sections addressing performance results against performance goals, and financial discussion and analysis;
- Participate with the OCP in meetings with the Director, Office of Finance, and other USPTO offices, leading to issuance of a final document.

Task 6 – Other Reports on USPTO Performance.

- Provide advice and assistance in drafting other performance reports required for submission to the Department of Commerce and reports of performance against the President's Management Agenda required for submission to the Office of Management and Budget;
- Review final draft documents and provide comments and suggested changes.

Task 7 – Supplemental Briefing Package Development.

- Review and comment on the responses to the USPTO FY 2007 budget request;
- Suggest an efficient and effective method to prepare and coordinate within USPTO updates and revisions of budget narratives and analyses for President's budget submission;
- Review and provide suggested changes on the draft documents and provide comments.

Task 8 – USPTO Organizational Structure Review.

- Suggest a process for accomplishing a review of a proposed new organizational structure for the USPTO;
- Prepare a project plan and strategy for soliciting needed input from internal and external stakeholders;
- Recommend any draft and final reorganization orders, reprogramming notices and supporting documentation;
- Prepare a plan to implement approved changes.

3. REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS AND KNOWLEDGE/EXPERIENCE/CAPABILITY

The contractor shall furnish personnel with the following qualifications and experience:

- At a minimum, the personnel selected for the performance of this requirement must have extensive high-level experience in the management and operational functions of a planning and budget organization similar to the one within the USPTO.
- A comprehensive knowledge of laws and regulations governing the federal government budgetary process.
- A comprehensive knowledge of the USPTO organization and operations.
- Personnel selected for the performance of this requirement must possess experience and capability to provide expert, independent, and objective analysis, target definition, and recommendations regarding USPTO management, organization, budget formulation, and strategic planning.

- Personnel selected for the performance of this requirement must possess appropriate management and technical experience that will enable the contractor to perform efficiently and effectively.
- Personnel selected for the performance of this requirement must be able to analyze the impact and implementation of any recommendations for restructuring or reorganizing the USPTO on the USPTO OCIO workforce and the USPTO's customers and the public.
- Personnel selected for the performance of this requirement must be able to determine the best practical approach for managing change and ensuing quality of USPTO services, consistent with the resources available.

4. DELIVERABLES:

The contractor shall provide the deliverables identified in work orders issued by the ordering officer. All documents shall be submitted in draft form. The Government will have 3 working days to determine acceptability of all draft and final deliverables. The contractor shall correct deficiencies in draft and final deliverables within 3 working days after notification of deficiencies.

All deliverables shall be presented in a consistent style and format. Each deliverable shall be presented in hard copy and electronically in Microsoft Word or suitable MS application. The hard copy format for all "Final" deliverables shall include an unbound original and two copies unless specified otherwise.

The Government will provide to the contractor specific submission instructions, including addresses and distribution control of draft or final reports.

Prior to submission of draft or final deliverables, the contractor may be required to make oral presentations of findings and recommendations.

5. SCHEDULE

The deliverables shall be provided in accordance with the schedule issued in the work order.